

# To All Connecticut Residents:

Operating a motor vehicle is a complicated task requiring skill, ability and a degree of tolerance for our fellow driver. While our skills and tolerance may increase with 'time on the road', our abilities may be reduced by trauma, disease or illness. A driver licensing system which is based on the assumption that we do not change physically is not consistent with common sense, nor does it reflect reality. The change may have been so subtle that the driver did not even notice it, or it may have been the result of an accident with very clear consequences.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, with the help of our Medical Advisory Board (a group of medical doctors who volunteer their time), has developed a Graduated Driver's License program. This licensing program is for the person whose abilities, for whatever reason, have changed since his or her initial licensing. It also allows DMV to issue new

licenses under this program to drivers who previously would not have qualified for a license.

The Graduated Driver's License program does not concern itself with the reason for change; instead, it focuses on the professional medical advice given to the driver. If a driver is told by his or her physician to drive only during daylight hours because of a medical condition, the Graduated Driver's License can be fashioned to state just that limitation.

The goal of the Graduated Driver's License program is to support self-respect and dignity by ensuring the greatest possible mobility for the driver without jeopardizing safety.

The type of license issued is based on the advice of the driver's medical professional, who provides the DMV with diagnostic information. DMV personnel review the medical reports and may ask the

driver to be evaluated by specially trained DMV staff. The license is then issued to the driver, at no additional charge if the driver has a current license. If a Graduated Driver's License is issued, it becomes the license that the driver carries and uses. It indicates with a code that it is a Graduated Driver's License.

The advantage of the Graduated Driver's License is the assurance that the person is driving in a manner consistent with the best possible medical advice.

The Graduated Driver's License program assists many drivers to retain their driving privileges without hardship, plus maintain their self-respect, dignity, and mobility.

Additional information regarding the Graduated Drivers' License Program appears on the reverse of this pamphlet.

## Types of Graduated Drivers' Licenses Available:

**A** graduated license may contain one or more limitations noted below. They will be noted on the license document.

Operation of a motor vehicle is permitted only:

1. During the period of daylight beginning one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and ending one-half (1/2) hour after sunset;
2. When the person is using corrective lenses, not including telescopic lenses, as prescribed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist;
3. On highways that are not limited access highways;
4. In a motor vehicle having an automatic transmission;
5. In a motor vehicle equipped with external mirrors located on both the left and right sides of the vehicle to reflect to the vehicle operator a view of the highway of at least two hundred (200) feet to the rear;
6. In a motor vehicle having special controls or equipment.

**F**or more information about this program, contact:

- **Department of Motor Vehicles  
Medical Qualifications Unit  
60 State Street  
Wethersfield, CT 06161-2510  
(860) 263-5223**

For a copy of the Older Driver Skill Assessment D14957, to help you to evaluate your own driving abilities, write to: (include stock number above)

- **AARP Fulfillment  
601 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20049**

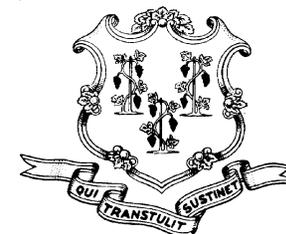
For information on transportation options in your area, contact:

- Your town's Municipal Agent for the Elderly or your local senior center.

To learn about safe driving instruction, contact:

- **AARP  
55 Alive/Mature Driving Program  
(Toll Free) (888) 227-7669**

# Connecticut's Graduated Driver's License Program



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